

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 35-36 and 38-73 remain in this application.

Rejections under 35 USC 112

Claim 36 has been amended to make the claim more definite.

Claim 53 has been amended to change "a first surface" to "the first surface".

Claim 55 has been amended to change "a plane" to "the plane".

Rejections under 102/103

Submitted herewith is an affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131 that removed U.S. Patent No. 6,131,361 to Murphy as a reference.

The rejection under 35 USC 102 is obviated since Murphy is no longer a reference.

The rejection under 35 USC 103 is obviated since without the Murphy reference there is no longer a prima facie case of obviousness.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted

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